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Subject: *Frank R. Tiedeman, et al. v. Mark D. Almony, et al.*
Civil Action No. JKB-04-104

Dear Counsel:

Pursuant to the matters discussed and the resolution reached at the pretrial conference this afternoon, the jury trial scheduled for May 23-24, 2005, is hereby POSTPONED and instead will go forward October 17-19, 2005, over three days rather than two days. A pretrial conference will be held in Court at 3:30 p.m. on October 11, 2005.

Discovery in this case is hereby reopened on a limited basis until August 15, 2005, for the purpose of addressing the issue of whether the injury purportedly sustained by the plaintiff in the incident giving rise to this case is the proximate cause of a condition that, to a reasonable degree of medical certainty, will give rise to a need for knee-replacement surgery. The exchange of expert reports and any depositions pursuant thereto are to be arranged by counsel without the need for scheduling by the Court. A joint status report will be provided by counsel to the Court at the close of discovery.

Despite the informal nature of this letter, it should be flagged as an opinion and docketed as an Order.

Very truly yours,

/s/

James K. Bredar
United States Magistrate Judge

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